



**State Environmental Policy Act SEPA**  
**Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**  
**File# ZCA-23-0002; SEP-23-0003**

**Date of Issuance:** February 2, 2023

**Lead Agency:** City of Walla Walla Development Services

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**Description of Proposal:** The proposed Shoreline Master Program and zoning code amendments would change the review process for Shoreline Substantial Development Permits, in an effort to increase plan review efficiency and reduce review timelines and costs, while maintaining the same regulatory and environmental outcomes that the Shoreline Master Program aims to regulate and protect.

**Location of Proposal:** These proposed amendments would affect the process whereby non-exempt development within 200 feet of the Mill Creek shoreline would obtain a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit.

**Applicant:** City of Walla Walla  
15 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The City of Walla Walla Development Services has determined that this proposal is unlikely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We have reviewed the following: Submitted SEPA Checklist, dated January 23, 2023, and the existing environmental documents: Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), issued May 22, 2018 and Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan - Walla Walla 2040, Ordinance 2018-15, adopted June 13, 2018. The relevant content of these documents is briefly described as an Environmental Impact Statement for the Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan which evaluates proposed actions, alternatives, and environmental impacts of activities allowed by the Walla Walla Comprehensive Plan & Environmental Impact Statement. This information is available at: <https://www.wallawallawa.gov/government/development-services/comprehensive-long-range-planning>

This determination is based on the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

1. Application filing date: January 23, 2023
2. Date that application was determined to be substantially complete: January 23, 2023.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Staff has concluded that a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) shall be issued. This determination is based upon the environmental checklist and other information on file. The DNS is supported by Plans and regulations formally adopted by the City for the exercise of substantive authority under SEPA. The DNS also takes note of the extent to which many local, State and Federal regulations and permit requirements will govern the project to mitigate its potential impacts, in accordance with WAC 197-11-158. The following are City of Walla Walla

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adopted goals and policies which support the DNS:

**Land Use Policy 2.7:** Continue coordination with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Walla Walla County Flood Control District to restore Mill Creek.

**Land Use Goal 4:** Land use is sustainable and conserves natural resources.

**Community Character Policy 5.1:** Work with public and private partners to enhance the Mill Creek corridor with ecological restoration and trails to become a keystone asset in the city's physical identity.

**Shoreline Use and Modifications Goal 1:** To foster a pattern of land use along the shorelines of the City of Walla Walla that balances human use with protection of existing character, habitat, and ecological systems.

**Economic Development Goal 8:** To ensure that economic activity along shorelines is encouraged while also developing in a manner that protects the shoreline environment, is compatible with adjacent land uses, and ensures no not loss of shoreline ecological function.

**Economic Development Goal 10:** To recognize that healthy, attractive shoreline uses provide value for the local economy and serve as amenities to citizens and businesses.

**CONCLUSIONS OF THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:**

The Lead Agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158.

**This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 and the comment period will end on March 6, 2023.**

**Responsible official:** J Preston Frederickson, Director

**Address:** City of Walla Walla Development Services  
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**Issue Date:** February 2, 2023

**Publish Date:** February 2, 2023

**Signature**  **Date:** February 2, 2023

Appeal information is addressed in City of Walla Walla Municipal Code (WWMC) 21.08.170. Appeal rights are outlined within WWMC Chapter 20.38 and other code provisions referenced therein.